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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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**Re: DG 15-289 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Approval of a Gas Franchise in Lebanon and Hanover, New Hampshire**

Dear Executive Director Howland:

The Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") respectfully requests that the Hearing on the Merits, currently scheduled to convene on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 9:00AM be continued and proceed one week later on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. A transition period has occurred at the OCA where myself and the Consumer Advocate, Donald Kreis have recently joined the Office. The Consumer Advocate has disclosed to me, and to participating parties that he has an unamenable conflict, which precludes his participation in this matter. I, previously uninvolved in this case, am scheduled to be out of the country between March 4, 2016 and March 10, 2016. My responsibility is to step in for the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of New Hampshire residential ratepayers in this proceeding. The NHPUC Staff, Liberty Utilities, Valley Green, NH Advantage, and Ariel Arwen, either individually or through counsel have consented to the OCA's request to continue the aforementioned hearing to March 16, 2016. The OCA respectfully requests the Commission's immediate attention and careful consideration of this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or forthcoming correspondence.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Cicale".

Nicholas J. Cicale
Attorney for the Office Consumer Advocate

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